

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE THE SOURCE OF MISINFORMATION!

We all know what it's like to share something online that turns out to be false, misleading, or harmful. **What we do next matters.** Here are the steps Digital Detectives take to make things right after they've gotten it wrong.



1 GRAB A SCREENSHOT OF THE POST THAT TURNED OUT TO BE FALSE.

Reposting or commenting on the original only amplifies it on social media - even if your comment helps explain why the content is untrue or harmful.



2 MARK THROUGH IT, SO IT CAN'T BE USED TO FURTHER AMPLIFY MISINFORMATION

A big red X or a handwritten "false" across the image will do the trick while letting others know, quickly and visually, that the information shouldn't be trusted.



3 THEN DELETE THE ORIGINAL POST, SO OTHERS CANNOT ENGAGE WITH IT.

It's tempting to delete the evidence of your mistake first, but completing steps one and two first gives others a chance to learn what to do when THEY get it wrong.



4 SHARE YOUR MARKED UP SCREENSHOT...

Along with a post that explains what happened. Use this as an opportunity to own your mistake and model what it looks like to do better.



Remember: MISinformation refers to the UNINTENTIONAL spread of false information. Once we know that what we've shared is inaccurate or harmful, our post becomes DISinformation. What we do next says a lot about our character AND the kind of world we want to live in.

